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Pleasant Hill—Rev. R. Allen, D. D., Monroe, N. C.
Pee Dee—Rev. J. J. Hines, Shannon, N. C.
Thomasville—Rev. R. H. L. Crocket, Salisbury, N. C.
Mt. Pleasant—Rev. R. H. L. Crocket, Salisbury, N. C.
Red Hill—Rev. R. H. L. Crocket, Salisbury, N. C.
Henderson Grove—Rev. T. M. Medley, Mangum, N. C.
Leap's Chapel—
Olive Grove—Rev. T. R. Richardson, Rockingham, N. C.
Wadesboro—Rev. T. R. Richardson, Rockingham, N. C.
Lilly Grove—Rev. W. G. Flake, Porter, N. C.
Moores Grove—Rev. J. P. Pemberton, Route 2, Mount Gilead, N. C.
E. Macedonia—Rev. W. G. Flake, Porter, N. C.
Garris Grove—W. G. Flake, Porter, N. C.
Red Branch—Rev. W. G. Flake, Porter, N. C.
Piney Grove—Rev. M. McKey, Charlotte, N. C.
Mt. Nebo—Rev. S. A. Crawford, Leslie, S. C.
Antioch—Rev. G. S. Horn, Route 6, Monroe, N. C.
Red Level—Rev. J. C. Massey.
Philadelphia—
First Baptist, Norwood—Rev. B. W. Alsobrooks, Powellton, N. C.
W. Macedonia—Rev. J. W. Diggs, Pee Dee, N. C.

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DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

Waxhaw, N. C., October 11, 1917.

The Forty-fourth Annual Session of The Yadkin-Philadelphia Association met with the Mt. Nebo Baptist Church on the above date and place.

The Association was called to order at 12 o'clock to hear the annual sermon. The stand was occupied by Revs. T. R. Richardson and R. Allen, D. D. Rev. Richardson opened the services by the use of hymn No. 703. Rev. W. G. Flake addressed the throne of grace. Rev. Dr. Allen read as a Scripture lesson Matt. 5:1-12. Bro. C. Threadgill led in prayer. Rev. T. R. Richardson sang "All things are ready, come," etc. The moderator, in a very appropriate manner, introduced the gentleman who had been chosen as speaker for the occasion. The Reverend Doctor Allen arose and selected his text from Matt. 5:13, "Ye are the salt of the earth," etc. Rev. Allen preached a most powerful but instructive sermon to the edification of his entire audience. "I heard the voice of Jesus say," was sung by Rev. T. R. Richardson, after which Rev. R. H. L. Crockett led in prayer. A collection to the amount of $2.10 was lifted. At this juncture Mrs. L. R. Poindexter, of the colored orphan home, Winston-Salem, N. C., was introduced and gave a seat of welcome. The Association took recess for dinner.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association reassembled at 2:30 P. M. Praise services were conducted by Revs. C. Pemberton and L. T. Allen. Bro. H. E. Craig led in prayer. The moderator declared the house ready for business. The minutes of the forenoon session were read and approved. The welcome ad-

dress was deferred until night. The next in order was the enrolling of the churches.

Pleasant Hill—J. T. Tyson.
Red Hill—R. B. Colson and C. C. Colson.
Pee Dee—J. H. Ingram.
Thomasville—W. Barringer.
East Macedonia—H. S. Hyatt.
Mt. Pleasant—L. M. Wall.
Olive Grove—H. L. Leak.
Moores Grove—Rev. J. P. Pemberton.
Leaks Chapel—
First Baptist, Norwood—C. A. Snuggs.
First Baptist, Wadesboro—W. E. Kendall.
Lilly Grove—By Proxy.
Henderson Grove—Willie Ingram.
Garris Grove—I. S. McRae.
Piney Grove—H. E. Craig and S. S. Craig.
Philadelphia—J. W. Perry.
Antioch—D. A. Covington and P. A. Autrey.
Red Branch—H. A. Neal and S. B. Wallace.
West Macedonia—V.W. Waiters.
Red Level—J. B. Byrd.
Mt. Nebo—Mrs. Mary Hemphill.
Liberty Hill—R. W. Alsobrooks.
Hanna Grove and Star of Hope—

The ministerial roll was called and corrected.

On motion a committee on officers was appointed by the moderator assisted by the house. The following were the committee: W. Barringer, R. B. Colson, C. A. Snuggs, J. H. Ingram, H. A. Neal, H. E. Craig, Willie Ingram.

Rev. J. P. Pemberton was introduced to the Association and given a seat of welcome. Rev. Mr. Pemberton made some very interesting remarks.

Rev. J. C. Massey, the Filed Missionary, made his report. He reported things pleasant in that part of the field into which he had gone. The report showed the following collections: Red Hill, $4.00; Wadesboro, $2.50; West Macedonia, $1.25; East Macedonia, $1.00; Moore's Grove, $1.00; Antioch, $1.25 and Mt. Nebo, $1.00, making a grand total of $12.00. Eight dollars was used for traveling expenses, leaving a balance of $4.00, which he turned over to the Association for State and Foreign Missions. Many commendable remarks were made about this report.

On motion W. P. Perkins and W. M. McDonald's names

were dropped from the ministerial roll.

The committee on officers reported. The report was recommitted.

The Association adjourned after the delegates had been assigned their homes by the pastor.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The hour having arrived for preaching, Rev. R. H. L. Crockett and Rev. L. T. Allen took seats in the stand. Rev. Allen lined hymn No. 562, "Must Jesus bear the cross alone," etc., which was sweetly sung by the congregation at large. Rev. T. R. Richardson addressed the throne of grace. Rev. L. T. Allen gave out selection No. 647. The moderator stood up and presented Rev. R. H. L. Crockett as the speaker for the evening. Rev. Mr. Crockett chose his text from St. Luke 8:27, "Return to thine own house and show how great things the Lord hath done for thee." The speaker in his discouse urged the importance of efficiency in leadership. The revedend preached a sound, practicable but instructive sermon. Rev. L. T. Allen closed by lining and singing selection No. 402. Rev. J. P. Pemberton led in prayer. Collection No. 2 amounted to $5.00. We were given a most hearty welcome by the pastor, Rev. S. A. Crawford.

On motion Rev. R. W. Alsobrooks was granted leave of absence after paying $1.00 for Liberty Hill and 25 cents for himself. On motion Bro. W. E. Kendall was excused to go home after turning over the $4.00 brought from his church. Doxology.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association reassembled at 9:30 A. M. Praise services were conducted by Rev. B. C. Crawford and Bro. A. C. McLendon. The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The committee on officers was excused. Revs. R. Allen, S. S. Thomas and Bro. M. H. Mendenhall were appointed to get out the programs.

The committee on officers made its report. It was received and adopted. See report.

The newly elected officers resumed their seats, thanked the Association for the confidence reposed in them, and the moderator proceeded to appoint the following committees:

On Finance—W. Barringer, P. A. Autry, J. T. Tyson, Wm. Ingarm, C. A. Snuggs, H. A. Neal and C. C. Colson.

On Resolution—S. S. Thomas, M. H. Mendenhall, O. S.

Bruton, Wm. Crump, S. A. Crawford.

On Temperance—J. P. Pemberton, L. T. Allen, C. Threadgill, I. S. McRae, L. H. Leak, C. Pemberton, W. S. Leak.

On Obituary—J. W. Perry, B. C. Crawford, H. R. Dunlap, R. B. Colson, A. C. McLendon.

On Place—Rev. T. H. Richardson, H. S. Hyatt and D. A. Covington.

On Education—W. G. Flake, J. C. Massey, J. P. Pemberton, L. W. Watkins, S. M. Wall.

On State of Country—L. T. Allen, W. G. Flake, H. E. Craig, R. H. L. Crockett, S. S. Thomas, M. H. Mendenhall and S. A. Crowford.

This done the Association took recess for dinner.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association reassembled at 2:00 P. M., moderator in the chair. Praise services were conducted by the moderator. The house was declared ready for business. The minutes were omitted. The committee on Devotion reported. Rev. T. R. Richardson and Bro. Walter Ewing to preach at three o'clock P. M.

The letters from the churches were read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The special hour having arrived, Rev. T. R. Richardson and his associate occupied seats in the stand. Bro. Walter Ewing introduced the services by the use of hymn "A charge to keep I have," etc. Prayer was offered up by Rev. C. Pemberton. "Must Jesus bear the cross alone," etc was sung and the moderator introduced Rev. T. R. Richardson as the speaker for the evening. Rev. Bro. Richardson selected his text from St. John 9:25, and preached a soul-stirring sermon. Rev. J. T. Clark offered the closing prayer. Collection No. 3, $2.10, which was donated to the missionary, Rev. J. C. Massey.

The Committee on Devotion reported. Rev. S. S. Thomas and Wm. Crump to preach at 8:00 P. M. Benediction by Rev T. R. Richardson.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The Association reassembled at 8:00 P. M. The moderator in the chair. The stand was occupied by Rev. Wm. Crump and the gentleman whon had been appointed to preach. The services were preceded by sweet selections by

the choir. Rev. Wm. Crump announced hymn No. 703. Rev. S. S. Thomas read the Scriptures from the 4th chapter of Revelation, The blessings of Almighty God were invoked upon us by Rev. T. L. Allen. Selection No. 200 was sung and the moderator arose and in very eloquent manner introduced Prof. S. S. Thomas to preach. Rev. Thomas selected his text from Revelation 4:1. Theme: "The open door." The sermon was a masterpiece, causing many shouts of joy.

Rev. R. H. L. Crockett led in prayer. A collection to the sum of $9.00 was lifted, after which Mrs. L. R. Poindexter came forward and made some interesting remarks touching the needs of the orphan home at Winston-Salem.

The Committee on Place reported the 45th annual session of this Association to assemble with the Pee Dee Baptist church Thursday before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1918.

The Committee on Devotion reported. Rev. W. G. Flake and Bro. C. Threadgill to preach Saturday at 3:00 P. M. Benediction by Rev. S. L. Fulwood.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Association was called to order at 9:30 A. M. Praise services were conducted by Bro. W. S. Leak anl Bro. Calvin Threadgill. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. G. Flake. The moderator declared the house open and ready for business.

The reading of the minutes was omitted.

On motion the officers of the Association are to be paid the following amounts for their services: The moderator, $5.00; vice-moderator, $2.50; the secretary, $6.00; the assistant secretary, $2.50; the rest of the officers were left in the hands of the Finance Committee. Letter reading was completed.

On motion, the Ephesian Baptist Church was restored to the fellowship of the Association. Recess. Benediction by Rev. W. M. Crump.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association resumed work at 2:00 P. M. Praise services were conducted by the moderator. Bro. George Lockhart led in prayer. The house was declared ready for business. The minutes of the previous session were read, corrected and approved.

The following distinguished persons were introduced and accorded seats of welcome: Mrs. S. A. Crawford, Miss

T. D. Shadd, Mrs. Nannie Benton, Mrs. Ollie Richardson, Mrs. Juda A. Allen, Rev. Mr. King, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, and Rev. S. G. Horne, of the Lanes Creek Association.

The hour for preaching having arrived Rev. W. G. Flake and his companion took seats in the stand. The song services were directed by Bro. C. Threadgill. Rev. W. G. Flake from St. John 21:5 preached a splendid sermon. Rev. S. G. Horne offered the closing prayer. A collection to the sum og $9.10 was lifted.

The following persons went on the honor roll by paying 25 cents each: Rev. C. Pemberton, Rev. R. W. Alsobrooks, Bro. J. T. Tyson, Willie Ingram, Sister Mary Hemphill, Sister Cora Leak, L. T. Allen, J. W. Perry, V. W. Waiters, Henry Leak, O. D. Bruton, Rev. J. T. Clark, Dr. R. Allen, A. C. McLendon, Mary Miller, W. Barringer, Rev. R. H. L. Crockett. C. Threadgill, Rev. S. A. Crawford, G. W. Lockhart, H. E. Craig, T. M. Wall, S. B. Bailey, Omy Massey, Rev. W. G. Flake, A. Gordon, D. A. Covington, H. S. Hyatt, Willie Ingram, Rev. S. S. Thomas, Wallace Leak, W. S. Leak, I. S. McRae, Walter Ewing, J. C. Maske, Rev. J. C. Massey.

The Committee on Place of Next Meeting of the Association reported.. The report was received. See report.

The Committee on Resolutions submitted its report. The report was adopted. See report.

Committee on Obituary reported. After some amendments it was adopted. See report.

Rev. S. S. Thomas read the report for the Committee on State of the Country. Bro. W. H. Mendenhall made a brief response to the report. Bro. Shade Henry also made some remarks touching the report, after which it was adopted. See report.

The Committee on Education reported through its secretary, Rev. L. T. Allen. The report was adopted. See report.

The Committee on Temperance reported. The report was adopted. See report.

Bro. V. W. Waiters made the report for the Committee on Finance. After some amendments the report was adopted. See report

On motion $10.00 was donated to Mt. Nebo Baptist Church. A motion was introduced to the effect that the As-

sociation's part of the collection coming from the Missionary sermon be donated to Mrs. L. R. Poindexter for the orphanage. A motion was entertained that we represent by letter into the State Convention with $5.00, and that we donate $5.00 to State and Foreign Missions.

A rising vate of thonks was tendered Rev. S. A. Crawford, his good people and sister churches for the splendid manner in which they cared for the delegation. The Association adjourned until 7:30 P. M.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION.

The hour having arrived for the Ladies's Missionary services. Miss Annie E. Tillman, mistress of ceremonies, and Miss Ollie Richardson, president of the Woman's Home Mission Union, were seated upon the rostrum. The choir rendered some most exquisite selections of music. A highly entertaining literary and musical program was carried out by the sisters. Prominent among which were the following: Sisters Nannie Benton, Viola Craig, A. E. Tillman, Mary Craig, Odessa Crawford, Vashti Massey, Mary Hemphill, Odessa Craig, Connie Cureton, Mamie Cureton, Ollie Richardson, Juda A. Allen, I. D. Shadd, Annie C. Robinson, L. R. Poindexter and Rev. R. Allen, D. D. A collection to the sum of $4.00 was taken. Benediction.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION.

The hour having arrived for the missionary sermon, Rev. B. C. Crawford and Rev. Dr. Allen took seats in the stand. Rev. B. C. Crawford lined, "Go preach my gospel saith the Lord," etc. Rev. R. Allen read the Scriptures from the 16th chapter of 2nd Kings. Rev. Mr. Simons of the Methodist Church, led in prayer. Rev. B. C. Crawford gave out section 249, after which Rev. S. A. Crawford, acting moderator arose and introduced Rev. Dr. Allen to preach the missionary sermon. The doctor selected his text from the 6th chapter of Isaiah, 3rd verse. "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?" Dr. Allen surpassed all previous records. Old men said it was the greatst missionary sermon. Every phase of missions was dealt with. The house caught on hallowed fire while he so ably fed us out of God's word.

Rev. B. C. Crawford offered the closing prayer. The collection amounted to $12.00.

Thus came to a close the most peaceable and pleasant Association known in its history. The Association adjourned to meet with the Pee Dee Baptist Church, at Lilesville,

Anson County, R. F. D. No. 1. Doxology. Benediction by Rev. R. Allen, D. D.

REV. RICHARD ALLEN, D. D., Moderator.
J. H. INGRAM, Secretary.
V. W. WAITERS, Corresponding Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY.

Mr. Moderator: We, your Committee on Obituary, wish to make our report. We have canvassed the letters of the different churches and we found that God in His wise providence had called from labor to the everlasting reword the following named persons:

Mt. Pleasant—Sister Amy Colson and Bro. Robert Cole.

Pleasant Hill—Sister Katie Tyson, Charlotte Wall, Hannah Little and Sister Davis.

Antioch—Sister Alma Autrey.

East Macedonia—Sister Eemeline Swaringen.

Lilly Grove—Sister Glennie Colson.

We bow our heads in humble submission to him who doeth all things well and extend our sympathy to the bereaved families. Most respectfully yours,

THE COMMITTEE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Bro. Moderator: We, your Committee on Education, ask leave to make the following report: We see at a glance the untold good education has accomplished among our people in the last half a century, and whereas we can trace our success in every sphere of life more or less to our educational acquisition, and whereas the majority of our shortcomings may be traced to our lack of education; therefore, be it resolved, that we endorse and encourage education in its broadest sense. We recommend that our ministers put forth every possible effort to acquire at least a good common school education. Respectfully, The Committee.

W. G. Flake, J. C. Massey, V. W. Waiters, L. M. Wall and S. B. Bailey.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Bro. Moderato: We, your Committee on Officers, beg leave to report. We recommend the following be the officers for the ensuing year: Rev. Richard Allen, D. D., Moderator; Rev. R. H. L. Crockett, Vice-Moderator; Bro. J. H.

Ingram, Secretary; Bro. V. W. Waiters, Corresponding Secretary; Bro. W. Barringer, Treasurer; Rev. S. A. Crawford, Auditor.

Trustees—W. Barringer, R. B. Colson, V. W. Waiters, J. H. Ingarm, C. A. Snuggs, H. E. Craig, Wm. Ingram and H. A. Neal.

Executive Board—Rev. R. Allen, D. D., Rev. W. G. Flake, Rev. Wm. Crump, Rev. T. R. Richardson, Rev. T. M. Medley, Rev. P. J. Ewing, Rev. R. W. Alsobrooks, Bros H. A. Neal and J. W. Perry. Respectfully,

YOUR COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTION.

Bro. Moderator: We, your Committee on Resolution, wish to report. We recommend that the Field Missionary be continued.

We recommend further that the following be a part of the program for the next Association:

1st. That the introductory sermon be preached by Revs. J. C. Massey and Wm. Crump.

2nd. An Educational sermon, Revs. S. S. Thomas and L. T. Allen.

3rd. A Doctrinal sermon, Revs. S. A. Crawford and T. R. Richardson.

4th. A Missionary sermon, Revs. R. W. Alsobrooks and W. G. Flake. Most respectfully, Your Committee.

M. H. Mendenhall, Wm. Crump, O. D. Bruton, S. A. Crawford and S. S. Thomas.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Bro. Moderator: We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to submit the following report: Whereas, the Bible teaches that wine is a mocker and strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise; and, whereas, it further teaches that our bodies are the temples of God, and that whosoever defileth the temple destroyeth his own soul: we, therefore, recommend that we abstain from all manner of intoxicating wines and narcotics, such as impaires us for usefulness, among which are tobocco, opium, morphine, cocaine and anything else that has any effect to lessen our mental or moral powers. All of which we do most respectfully submit. The Committee.

L T. Allen, I. S. McRae, C. Threadgill, W. S. Leak, and L. Watkins.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Bro. Moderator: We, your Committee on Finance, ask leave to make our report.

We received from Churches	$64.20
We found in the Treasury	15.98
Public Collections	16.05
Rev. J. C. Massey, for Foreign Missions	4.00
Woman's Missionary Exercise	4.00
Missionary Collection on Sunday	12.00
The Special Collection and Missionary	19.00
Makinga Grand Total of	$127.22
	$104.70
	$ 22.53

DISBURSEMENTS.

Officers	$19.00
Sexton	2.50
Service at Lilly Grove	1.50
Garris Grove Church	5.00
Henderson Grove	5.00
Mt. Nebo	10.00
Delegates	6.00
State Convention	10.00
Mrs. L. R. Poindexter	8.00
Mrs. A. C. Robinson	3.30
Miss I. D. Shadd	.60
Minutes	26.00
Compiling Minutes	4.00
Filed Missionary	2.10
Programs and Stationery	1.70
	$104.70

Leaving in Treasury, $22.53.

Respectfully, THE COMMITTEE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Bro. Moderator: We, your Committee on State of the Country, beg leave to submit the following report: The country is still in a restless, unsettled condition. Since this time a year ago many changes have taken place. Diplomatic relations between our Government and the Central Powers have been broken, a formal state of war has been

declared and a selective draft law conscripting all the eligible men irrespective of color between the ages of 21 and 31 years. At first the subject of war did not seem so serious, but since the selective draft machinery has been in operation sadness and sorrow have come to every American home. In many sections of the country the crops are falling short, causing a food shortage. Notwithstanding, we are in an actual state of war, we have never known of a more prosperous time than now. All manner of farm products have soared to record-breaking prices. We were advised by Mr. Hoover last spring of an approaching food crisis and admonished to observe the strictest rules of food conservation. It has almost become a daily occurrence to see trains of soldiers being transferred from their homes to the various cantonments.

We believe the immercion of our country into this great world war is a rebuke of the hand of the Almighty upon the sins of the American people. We recommend a speedy return unto God. We pledge our unstinted support to the country and maintain abiding confidence in President Woodrow Wilson as commander-in-chief of all the armies and navy of these United States. Respectfully,

THE COMMITTEE.

Rev. R. H. L. Crockett, Rev. S. A. Crawford, Rev. L. T. Allen, Bro. M. H. Mendenhall, Bro. H. E. Craig, Rev. S. S. Thomas.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We held a Union Meeting at Moore's Grove, embracing the 5th Sunday in December of 1916 during which we raised from all sources $24.50. We found in the treasury $107.00, making a grand total of $131.50. We paid out for all purposes $121.50, leaving in the treasury $20.

We held a union meeting at Thomasville, embracing the 5th Sunday in April, 1917. We raised from all sources $23.85; found in treasury, 20.00, making a grand total of $43.85. We paid out for expenses, $9.20, leaving in treasury, $54.65.

We held a Union Meeting at Norwood, embracing the 5th Sunday in July, 1917. We raised from all sources and including the treasurer, $78.50. Paid out $12.20, leaving in treasury, $66.20.

We held a Union Meeting at Wadesboro, embracing the 5th Sunday in September. We raised from all sources

$114.15. Paid out $21.17, leaving in the treasury $93.03.

Presbytery representing the Executive Board ordained Bro. L. T. Allen to the order of the ministry. They examined and recomended the ordination of Rev. A. C. McLendon. Respectfully,

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall be opened by devotional exercises.

2. The minutes of the previous session shall be read and approved.

3. No brother shall be interrupted while speaking unless his remarks be foreign to the subject under discussion.

4. When a brother on the floor is called to order, he should not proceed to speak until the point has been determined by the moderator.

5. All brethren are forbidden to go to sleep in time of service or to spit on the floor or walls.

6. No member shall absent himself without leave of the moderator. The Missionary ladies of the field shall have Saturday night for their exercises.

7. Any church of this body that is corrupt in practice or doctrine, after steps have been taken to reclaim her, and she persists in her course, shall no longer be a member of this body; and the reason in full shall be published in the minutes. Furthermore any church failing to be represented by letter or delegate for two successive years shall be subjected to a suitable admonition, and if she neglects to attend the third year she shall be drapped from the Association.

8. No difficulty existing between churches or in a church shall be heard by this body until gospel steps have been taken outside of this body to settle the difficulty.

9. The Scriptures or the Word of God shall be a sufficient rule of faith, doctrine, practice, etc., of this Association and the traditions of men, when they have neither precept nor example in the Scriptures to justify them shall not be received.

10. The rules and order of the Baptist Church Directory shall govern the deliberations of this body.

11. The qualifications and duty of the Association Treasurer: He must be able to read and write and own

real estate in double the value of the amount of money that he receives. He must also give security of in double the amount of money that he receives. He shall hold all money and notes given him by the Association, and shall pay the same at any time by order of the Executive Board, signed by the Moderator, Secretary and Auditor.

12. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be known as the Yadkin-Philadelphia Missionary Baptist Association of North Carolina.

Art. 2. This Association shall be composed of regular Baptist Churches, ministers and delegates in good standing, and in full practice of the doctrines and practices of the faith, discipline and ordinances of the regular denomination.

Art. 3. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor and Executive Board. Their duties respectively shall be such as are commonly exercised by these officers until their successors are chosen.

Art. 4. The object of this Association shall be to build up Baptist Churches in its bounds, foster the educational and spiritual work of its members, and to co-operate with the State Convention in doing home mission work, and thus help take the world for Christ.

Art. 5. This Association shall meet annually, and shall be composed of not more than three delegates from each church, with a letter containing 10 cents per capita of its membership, and giving condition of the church and the membership of the church. The said meeting shall convene on Thursday at 11 A. M. before the 2nd Sabbath in October, with an annual sermon, and continue until th ebusiness of the Association is completed.

Art. 6. All visiting ministers who are in good standing in their churches, and corresponding delegates shall be welcomed to seats among us to give counsel, but not to vote. Voting shall be done only by the delegates and ministers of the Association.

STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL TABLE.

	S. of Preaching	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored	Baptized	Dismissed	Died	Members	Ministers	Licentiates	Year Organized	Pastor's Salary	Church Purposes	Home & Foreign Missions	Value of Church Property	Associational Fund	Money Raised for All Purposes
Pleasant Hill ---- 4th			22	1		4	252	4	2	1870	$ 150.00	$ 135.00	$ 24.30	$2500.00	$ 8.00	$ 395.75
Pee Dee ---- 2nd and 3rd	1	6	6			2	110	1	1	1872	175.00	11.00	10.00	3000.00	6.50	202.00
Red Hill---- 2nd	4		4				132	1	1	1873	159.70	50.00	1.01	1705.00	4.10	200.00
Thomasville---- 1st			14		1	4	90		1	1868	103.60	4.00	2.50	1200.00	2.50	113.16
E. Macedonia---- 2nd	1		3			1	70	2		1873	120.00	2.00	4.85	1500.00	5.00	151.85
Mt. Pleasant ---- 1st and 3rd	3					2	62		4	1872	100.00	23.00	3.00	1500.00	2.00	128.00
Olive Grove---- 4th				6		1	75			1885	92.00	11.00	3.45		4.50	110.95
First B. Norwood ---- 1 and 3	3					1	43		1	1881	150.00	54.30	8.25	1590.00	2.10	219.65
First B. Wadesboro ---- 1 and 3		2	7		2	1	70	3	3	1878	225.00	36.00	6.00	1000.00	4.00	271.00
Henderson Grove ---- 4th				1			30				50.00	35.00		300.00	.75	85.75
Garris Grove ---- 3rd		3	3		2		42		1	1876	72.50	122.90		600.00	1.50	221.17
Piney Grove ---- last and 3rd		3			2	3	73	1	1		175.00	10.00	1.25	900.00	4.00	190.25
Philadelphia ----																
Antioch---- 1st						1	40				50.00	25.00	1.00	750.00	1.50	77.80
Red Branch----																
W. Macedonia---- 2nd	1		6		1	1	39	1		1906			1.85	650.00	1.85	112.38
Red Level----																
Mt. Nebo ---- 1st and 3rd	3		3		1	2	104	1		1892	125.00	150.00	1.00	2500.00	3.00	293.00
Liberty Hill----																
Ephesus---- 2nd and 4th		1	2				11		1		75.00			250.00	1.00	76.00

Moores Chapel and Leaks Chapel—No report.

CHURCH CLERK AND POSTOFFICE.

Pleasant Hill—D. L. McLendan, Route 1, Wadesboro.
Pee Dee—J. P. Ingram, Route 1, Lilesville.
Red Hill—John M. Colson, Route 3, Wadesboro.
Thomasville—O. B. Bruton, Route 1, Mt. Gilead.
East Macedonia—D. A. Ponds, Porter.
Mt. Pleasant—Larn Maske, Route 1, Wadesboro.
Olive Grove—J. H. Ingram, Route 1, Mt. Gilead.
Moore's Grove—E. D. Ingram, Route 2, Mt. Gilead.
Leak's Chapel—Leak Chapel, Powellton.
First Baptist, Norwood—A. F. Parker, Norwood.
First Baptist, Wadesboro—S. Lindsay, Wadesboro.
Lilly Grove—Julia Palmer, Porter.
Henderson Grove—W. B. Smith, Lilesville.
Garris Grove—A. B. Bennett, Route 3, Wadesboro
Piney Grove—S. J. Craig, Route 2, Waxhaw.
Philadelphia—W. C. McBride, Route 3, Marshville.
Antioch—W. F. Funderburk, Route 10, Monroe.
Red Branch—J. M. Swaringen, Altan.
W. Macedonia—V. W. Waiters, Route 6, Monroe.
Red Level—Oliver Perry, Route 9, Monroe.
Mt. Nebo—H. J. O'Leary, Waxhaw.
Liberty Hill—
Star of hops—
Ephesia—Dave Covington, Waxhaw.

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Pleasant Hill—E. W. Gaul, Ansonville, N. C.
Pee Dee—John A. Ingram, R. 1, Lilesville, N. C.
Red Hill—J. M. Colson, R. 3, Mt. Gilead, N. C.
Thomasville—O. D. Bruton, R. 1, Mt. Gilead, N. C.
E. Macedonia—H. S. Hyatt, Porter, N. C.
Mt. Pleasant—Leon Tyson, R. 1, Wadesboro, N. C.
Olive Grove—
First Baptist, Norwood—A. F. Parker, Norwood, N. C.
First Baptist, Wadesboro—Andrew Gordon, Walesboro.
Henderson Grove—Kestler Smith, R. 1, Lilesville, N. C.
Moore's Grove—
Piney Grove—S. J. Craig, R. 2, Waxhaw, N. C.
Garris Grove—
Antioch—
Lilly Grove—
Mt. Nebo—E. D. Hough, Waxhaw, N. C.
Philadelphia—W. C. McBride, R. 3, Marshville, N. C.
Red Branch—
Red Level—J. W. Perry, Route 9, Monroe, N. C.
W. Macedonia—W. V. Waiters, R. 6, Monroe, N. C.
Star of Hope—B. C. Crawford, Mineral Springs, N. C.

MINUTES
OF THE
THIRTIETH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
YADKIN-PHILADELPHIA MISSIONARY BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION
HELD WITH THE
WEST MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH
R. F. D. NO. 6. MONROE, JULY 20-22, 1917.

DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

Monroe, N. C., Route 6, July 20, 21, 22, 1917.

The Thirtieth Annual Session of Yadkin-Philadelphia Missionary Baptist Sunday School Convention met with the West Macedonia Baptist Church, with President M. H. Mendenhall in the chair. The Convention was called to order at 11:00 A. M. The aid of Deity was invoked by Rev. Dr. Allen, after which Rev. S. A. Crawford and T. R. Richardson ascended the rostrum to preach the opening sermon. Rev. Richardson introduced the services by the use of hymn No. 81, "God moves in a mysterious way," etc. Rev. S. A. Crawford read the Scriptures from the 51st Psalm. Rev. B. C. Crawford led in prayer. At the close of a sweet selection by Rev. T. R. Richardson, the President arose and introduced Rev. S. A. Crawford to preach the opening sermon. Rev. Bro. Crawford selected for his text Matt 9:14. Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." Theme: Call to discipleship. The good reverend proceeded to preach a pointive and instructive sermon. Rev. T. R. Richardson closed with a sweet selection of music. Rev. J. S. Simon led in an earnest prayer. A collection to the amount of $1.65 was taken and the Convention took recess.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 3:30 P. M. the Convention reassembled. President in the chair. Praise services were conducted by Rev. W. G. Flake, who sang hmyn No. 402 and read apart of the 13th chapter of Romans. Rev. J. C. Massey addressed the throne of grace. The President declared the house open and ready for business. The minutes of the previous sessions were read and approved. At this juncture we were extended a most

hearty welcome by Bros. V. W. Waiters, Allen Alsobrooks and the pastor, Rev. J. S. Simon. Bro. S. J. Craig in very befitting words accepted the welcome on the part of the Convention.

Rev. I. S. A. Hilliard, Mrs. Annie C. Robinson and Messrs. Williams and Secrest (white) were introduced and accorded seats of welcome. Mr. Hilliard favored us with some very timely remarks. Mrs. Robinson spoke along the line of Home Missions.

The list of churches was called and delegates enrolled:

Pleasant Hill—E. W. Gaul, Charlotte Tyson.

Pee Dee—J. H. Ingram.

Thomasville—Miss Addie Thomas.

Henderson Grove—Miss Viola Ingram, A. B. Ingram.

Leak's Chapel.

Olive Grove—Miss Minnie Dockery.

First Baptist, Wadesboro—Misses Lillie Little, Henrietta Bennett.

Lilly Grov.—

Red Hill—John M. Colson.

East Macedonia—Arnold Flake.

First Baptist, Norwood—Mary E. Watkins.

Liberty Hill—

Garris Grove—

Piney Grove—S. J. Craig, Miss Hettie Bailey.

Mt. Nebo—Misses Mary Miller, Vashti Massey.

Philadelphia—Miss Hattie McBride.

Red Level—Miss Olivia Perry.

Red Branch—

West Macedonia—Misses Lessie Alsobrooks, Lillie Belk.

Antioch—

On motion a committee of five was chosen on officers, namely: A. D. Bruton, E. W. Gaul, Mary E. Watkins and Viola Ingarm.

Committee on Finance—V. W. Waiters, J. W. Perry, W. C. McBride, J. M. Colson, A. F. Parker, Lillie Little and Mary Miller.

Committee on Devotion—Rev. J. S. Simon, Andrew Gordon and Allen Alsobrooks.

Committee on Literary Progarm—Messrs. A. E. Tillman, Charlotte Tyson and Rev. S. A. Crawford.

Committee on Time and Place—O. D. Bruton, E. W. Gaul, S. J. Craig, Andrew Gordon, A. E. Tillman and Vashti Massey.

Committee on Temperance—Rev. R. Allen, D. D., Rev. S. A. Crawford, Rev. W. G. Flake, Rev. B. C. Crawford and Miss Vashti Massey.

Committee on State of the Country—R. Allen, S. S. Thomas, J. W. Perry.

The Convention adjourned.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION.

At 7:30 the Convention reassembled. The rostrum was occupied by Rev. B. C. Crawford and the gentleman who had been appointed to preach the Sunday School Educational sermon. The song services were conducted by Rev. B. C. Crawford. Bro. O. D. Bruton addressed the throne of grace. The President introduced Rev. Allen as the speaker for the occasion. Dr. Allen took for his text "Study to show thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word." The speaker handled every phase of his subject in a manful way, demonstrating to all who heard him of his great ability to make plain the word. The text was chosen from 2nd Timothy. 2:15. Rev. B. C. Crawford offered the closing prayer. A collection to the sum of $2.25 was lifted and the Conventioned adjourned.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Convention was called to order at 9:30 A. M. Praise services were conducted by the Vice President and Rev. J. C. Massey. Bro. S. J. Craig sang hymn No. 661. Rev. J. C. Massey read the morning lesson from the 15th chapter of St. John. Bro. S. J. Craig led in prayer. The President declared the house open and ready for business. The minutes of the previous session were read and adopted.

Sisters Mary E. Watkins and Annie E. Tillman were chosen letter readers. Letters from the various schools were read and referred to the committee on Finance. For reference see statistics.

The special order having arrived the regular business gave way for preaching. The stand was occupied by Revs. W. G. Flake and J. C. Massey. The song services were conducted by Rev. J. C. Massey. Bro. E. W. Gaul addressed the throne of grace. Rev. W. G. Flake being introduced, arose and chose his text from 1st Kings 18:21, "How long halt ye between two opinions?" Rev. Flake preached an excellent sermon. Rev. J. C. Massey closed the services.

Bro. W. C. McBride offered the closing prayer. A collection of $2.00 was lifted, and the Convention too recess. Benediction by Rev. R. Allen.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention reassembled at 2:20 P. M. President Mendenhall in the chair. Praise services were conducted by Revs. Andrew Gordon and A. F. Parker, who read the 22n Psalms. The house was declared ready for business. The minutes of the morning sesion were read and approved.

An opportunity to go on the honorary roll was extended and members paid as follows: Rev. R. Allen, 50c.; W. G. Flaks, 50c.; W. C. McBride, 25c.; Hattie McBride, 25c.; A. F. Parker, 50c.; Lillie Little, 25c.; Andrew Gordon, 25c.; aMry Watkins, 25c.; V. W. Waiters, 25c.; Arnold Flake, 25c.; Minnie Tyson, 25c.; Hettie Bailey, 25.; Mary Miller, 25c.; Lessie Alsobrooks, 25c; Olivia Perry, 25c.; Lillie Belk, 25c.; Rev. B. C. C. Crawford, 50c.; E. W. Gaul, 50c.; John M. Colson, 50c.; Isadora Blount, 25c.; J. W. Perry, 50c.; Rev. J. C. Massey, 50c.; Minnie Dockery, 25c.; Viola Ingram, 25c.; Addie Thomas, 25c.; A. R. Curby, 25c.; O. D. Bruton, 50c.; Rev. S. S. Thomas, 25c.; Charlotte Tyson, 25c.; S. J. Craig, 50c.; M. H. Mendenhall, 50c.; Rev. J. S. Simon, 50c., making the sum of $10.75.

At this juncture the following distinguished visitors were introduced to the convention and accorded seats of welcome in the persons of Mr. J. Q. Robinson, Rev. A. L. Carr, Sisters Cornelia Boulware and Louisa Robinson, all of whom gave us a word of encouragement. Rev. Bro. Carr favored us with a very strong and helpful speech. Sister Annie C. Robinson came before the Convention in the interest of the Winston Orphanage. A collection to the sum of $2.00 was given.

Dr. Allen read the report of the Committee on Temperance, which was strongly endorsed by Rev. S. S. Thomas and Mrs. Annie C. Robinson.

Rev. Dr. Allen came forward and read a strong paper from the subject: "Our Duty to the Nation." This was a carefully prepared and well rendered document. It showed thought and proficiency. The paper was followed by the report of the Committee on State of the Country, to which Revs S. S. Thomas and W. G. Flake made strong response.

The Finance Committee reported. It was received with

some amendments. See report.

The Special School Plan was read and after some favorable speeches by Rev. W. G. Flake and Rev. S. S. Thomas the plan was adopted.

The Committee on Time and Place reported. The report recommended that this Convention meet Friday before the 2nd Sunday in September. The report was arrested and after some sharp discussion, the report was amended so as to receive the place but not the time.

The Committee on Literary Progarm reported. It was received. See report.

Sister Annie E. Tillman was chosen Mistress of Ceremony and the Convention adjourned.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION.

The Convention resumed work at 7:30 P. M. The Lord's Prayer was repeated in concert. The house was declared ready for business. Minutes of the past session were read and approved. Bro. V. W. Waiters, Missionary for the Western end of the Field, reported. It was received and adopted. See report. The missionary ladies reported. The reports showed great activity among the young women. See report.

A motion was entertained that W. Macedonia be given a donation of $5.00. Caried.

Bro. O. D. Bruton, Missionary from the East, made his report. It was received and adopted.

A motion was entertained that we represent into the State Sunday School and Educational Convention with the sum of $5.00 and that the President be our delegates.

The special hour having arived the house was turned over into the hends of the ladies. After a choice selection of music by the choir the following persons rendered most excellent recitations, essays and songs, namely:

Recitation—"The Bible," Miss Lillie B. Belk.

Essay—"Home Industry," Miss Addie Thomas.

Essay—"The Path of Life," Miss Mary E. Watkins.

Music by the choir.

Recitation—"Commandments," Mr. Arnold Flake.

Essay—"What Think Ye of Christ?" Miss Charlotte Tyson.

Essay—"Baptist Preacher," Miss Minnie Tyson.

RecitationJ—"Man," Miss Nannie Dockery.

Essay—"Mother's Influence," Miss Mary Miller.
Essay—"Feed My Sheep," Miss Viola Ingram.
Essay—"Character," Miss Lillie Little.
Bible Recitation—Miss Isadora Blount.
Bible Recitation—Miss Lawrensie Alsobrooks.
Essay—Miss Olivia Perry.

After a sweet selection by the choir the Convention adjourned.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Rev. S. S. Thomas preached the Sunday School Missionary Sermon to a large and appreciative audience and the Convention adjourned to meet with the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Friday before the 4th Sunday in July, 1918.

M. H. MENDENHALL, President.
Rev. R. ALLEN, D. D., Secretary.

LADY MISSIONARIES FOR 1918.

Pleasant Hill—Miss Charlotte Tyson.
Pee Dee—Miss J. H. Ingram.
Thomasville—Addie Thomas.
Olive Grove—Miss Mamie Dockery.
Mt. Pleasant—Miss A. E. Tillman.
First Baptist, Wadesboro—Miss Henrietta Bennett.
First Baptist, Norwood—Miss Mary E. Watkins.
Antioch—Miss Isadoro Blount.
Philadelphia—Miss Hattie McBride.
Red Level—Miss Olivia Perry.
Mt. Nebo—Miss Mary Miller.
Piney Grove—Miss Odessa Craig.
West Macedonia—Miss Lillie Belk.
Garris Grove—Mrs. L. Bennette.
East Macedonia—Mrs. W. G. Flake.
Red Hill—Mrs. Delia Crump.

Committee on Officers—O. D. Bruton, E. W. Gaul, S. J. Craig, Mary E. Watkins and Viola Ingram.

Committee on Finance—V. W. Waiters, J. W. Perry, John M. Colson, A. F. Parker, Lillie Little and Mary Miller.

Committee on Devotion—Rev. J. S. Simon, Andrew Gordon and Allen Alsobrooks.
A. E. Tillman and Charlotte Tyson.

Committee on Literary Program—Rev. S. A. Crawford.

Committee on Obituary—Rev. J. C. Massey, Rev. B. C. Crawford, Rev. S. A. Crawford, Miss Hettie Bailey and Miss

Hattie McBride.

Committee on Temperance—R. Allen, S. A. Crawford, Vashti Massey, W. G. Flake and B. C. Crawford.

Committee on Time and Place—O. D. Bruton, E. W. Caul, S. J. Craig, Andrew Gordon, A. E. Tillman and Vashti Massey.

Committee on State of the Country—Rev. R. Allen, Rev. S. S. Thomas.

REPORT OF LADY MISSIONARIES FOR 1917.

Miss Charlotte Tyson	$6.36
Miss Ada Tyson	2.40
Miss Annie E. Tillman	2.50
Miss Nannie Dockery	2.00
Miss Mary E. Watkins	5.25
Miss Henrietta Bennett	4.75
Mrs. Lou Bennett	4.33
Miss Hettie Bailey	2.00
Miss Isadora Blount	1.05
Miss Vashti Massey	2.25
Miss Lillie Belk	.60
Total	$33.49

REPORT OF BRO. V. W. WAITERS.

Mr. President: I visited all of the churches on the western end of the field and made the following collections: Red Level, January 28, collected 55c.; Antioch, 55c.; Red Branch, $1.25; Mt. Nebo, 75c; Piney Grove, 75c; W. Macedonia, 75c., making a total of $5.35, which was paid to me as traveling expenses. I found the schools in splendid condition, most of them using Sunday School Literature of the A. B. P. Society. Respectfully yours,

V. W. WAITERS, S. S. Missionary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. President: We, your Committee on Officers, recommend the following as the officers of this Cinvention for the ensuing year, namely: M. H. Mendenhall, President; S. J. Craig, Vice-President; Rev. R. Allen, D. D., Secretary; Miss Mary E. Watkins, Corresponding Secretary; Rev. W. G. Flake, Treasurer; Rev. J. C. Massey, Auditor

Board of Managers—Bros. O. D. Bruton, J. W. Perry,

V. W. Waiers, A. F. Parker and E. W. Gaul.

Respectfully, The Committee,
O. D. BRUTON, Chairman.
MARY E. WATKINS, Secretary.

Mr. President: We, your Committee on Obituary, ask leave to report. Death has visited our ranks since we assembled last and taken the following individuals: Rev. G. W. Grady, Bros. Charlie and Brightly Baker, Sister Mary Carelock, Bro. Willie Patterson, Bro. Charlie Walker, Bro. B. Wallace and Bro. Paul Colson. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved families and commend them to Him who doeth all things well. Respectfully, The Committee,
J. C. MASSEY, Chairman.
HATTIE McBRIDE, Secretary.

Mr. President: We, your Committee on Temperance, wish to report: Whereas Temperance is one of those necessary qualifications that must adorn and beautify every soul that passes the portals of undying glory, and whereas intemperance of every kind is sin and cannot be looked upon by the Great God of destinies with the least allowance, therefore be it resolved, that we the ministers, superintendents and representatives of this Convention put on the Lord Jesus and make no provision for the flesh fulfill to the best thereof. Respectfully, The Committee.
RICHARD ALLEN, Secretary.
W. G. FLAKE, Chairman.

Mr. President: We, your Committee on State of the Country, ,ask leave to make our report: It is gratifying to us to report to you despite the fact we are in actual state of war, the country is enjoying one of the prosperous periods in the history of the republic. The price of farm products has soared to heights which are phenominal. Race relations have greatly improved. The selective draft measure has placed the races upon a par basis. The war has brought to the country one common cause around which all of our interests are centered. The gloom that has been hanging over the agricultural world since early last spring is fast disappearing and the refreshing showers and hot sunshine are causing the prospects to brighten for a splendid harvest. Our people everywhere are taking the high cost of living cheerfully, Respectfully, THE COMMITTEE.

Mr. President: We, your Committee on Time and Place, beg leave to submit our report. We recommend that the next session of this Convention be held with the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, to begin Friday before the 4th Sunday in July. The introductory sermon to be preached by Rev. S. Brooks and W. M. Crump.

Respectfully yours, The Committee,

V. W. WAITERS, Chairman.
MARY MILLER, Secretary.

Mr. President: We, your Committee on Fiannce, beg leave to report:

We found in the Treasurey	$33.33
Raised in public collections	4.65
From pledges	10.00
Collected from Schools	36.30
From Lady Missionaries	34.53
Making a grand total of	$118.81

DISBURSEMFENTS.

President	$ 4.00
Vice-President	1.00
Secretary	4.00
Corresponding Secretary	1.00
Sexton	1.55
Rev. W. G. Flake	1.00
Rev. S. A. Crawford	1.00
Programs	1.55
President for postage	.50
Missionaries	4.50
Winston Orphanage (Mrs. A. C. Robinson)	2.00
West Macedonia	5.00
Loaned to A. R. Curlee	1.50
Traveling expenses	4.50
Grand total paid out	$33.05
Leaving a balance in Treasury of	$85.76
Appropriations not paid, the State Convention	5.00
Preparing, printing and distributing minutes	25.00
Leave remaining in Treasury	$55.76
P. S.—Received at the Association	$ 4.90

Respectfuly, The Commitee,
O. D. BRUTON, Secretary.
V. W. WAITERS, Secretary

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. The name of this body shall be the Yadkin-Philadelphia Missionary Baptist Sunday School Convention. It shall be composed of all the ministers and preachers of this Association and superintendents of Sunday Schools and not more than three delegates from any one school.

Art. 2. The object of this Convention shall be to establish and improve Baptist Sunday Schools in all the churches and restitute neighborhoods throughout the bounds of the Association; to awaken a general interest in the religious education of both old and young; to improve the literary training of the woung men and women, and to co-operate with the State Sunday School Convention in doing educational and missionary, and also the Lot Cary Convention in doing foreign missionary work.

Art. 3. The officers of this Convention shall be a President, Vice-President, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, Treasurer, Auditor and Board of Managers. No one shall be an officer of this Convention unless he be at the time of his or her election a member of and good standing in some Baptist Church. No person shall be elected a delegate to this Convention who is not a regular member of a Missionary Baptist Sunday School.

Art. 4. This Convention shall meet on Friday before the 4th Sunday in July of each year at such place as may be agreed upon.

Art. 5. Each schood belonging to this Convention shall collect and send up to each annual sitting ten cents (10c) per scholar. New schools may be represented upon teh same terms.

Art. 6. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting.

Art. 7. No member or members of this Convention shall be allowed to stand around on the grounds of the church during service hours, except as has been excused.

OUR DUTY TO THE NATION.

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I appear before you to discuss a proposition that concerns more or less every colored person in these United States. I want to lay out, first, as the foundation of my argument. We are citizens of the United States, and as such it is our duty to defend her, even to the sacrifice of national life.

The 13th amendment to the Constitution of the United States abolished slavery and set nearly four million of negroes at liberty.

The 14th amendment made us citizens of the United States and States in which we lived. The 14th amendment provides: All persons born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States, and States wherein they reside. No States shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privilege of citizens of the United States. Nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty or prosperity without due process of law, nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the law.

To carry the 15th amendment into effect and to hecure our emancipation, much of the soil of this country was drenched in blood. Yes, the proudest blood of America. The 15th amendment vouchsafes unto us the right to vote. It provides: The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude.

There is one civic doctrine which saith: "He who will not do his duty shall not enjoy privilege."

(1) It is our duty to give the nation our moral support.

(2) It is our duty to give the nation our formal support.

(3) It is our duty to take up arms in defense of the nation.

Some are saying, "What have we got to fight for?" The rights and freedom of the nation is involved. Some say the negro has nothing to fight for. The colored people of this country own 600,000 homes, 981,000 farms, conduct 45,000 different business concerns. They have accumulated in the

STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL TABLE.

	No. Months Run	No. Officers	No. Teachers	No. in School	No. Bound Vol. in Library	No. Quarterlies Tagen This Year	Money Raised This Year	Money Paid Out	Bal. in Treasury	Home and Foreign Missions	Education	For the Convention
Pleasant Hill	12	6	4	100	14	106	$31.35	$22.00	$ 9.35	$ 2.00	$ 6.36	$ 6.00
Pee Dee	12	6	4	50	60	96	21.00	16.00	5.00			4.00
Thomasville	12	5	3	20	20	150	6.90				1.75	2.00
Red Hill	12	6	4	96	16	100	10.60	9.60	1.00			2.60
East Macedonia	12	5	3	34	30	360	16.00	13.00	3.00		1.04	3.40
Mount Pleasant	8	5	2	24	5	94	12.47	7.70	4.77		2.59	2.50
Olive Grove	9	5	3	35	14	75	9.50	9.00	.50		2.00	2.50
First Baptist, Norwood	12	6	3	30	25	114	19.65	12.72	6.93		5.25	1.00
First Baptist, Wadesboro	12	5	4	30	5	200	10.39	3.33	7.00		4.75	3.00
Henderson Grove	12	5	3	25	10	45	5.00	5.00				1.00
Garris Grove	12	5	3	25	13	48	15.00	9.00	6.00		4.35	1.00
Philadelphia	6	3	3	18	5	35	6.17	6.16	.01			1.80
Piney Grove	12	5	3	40	18	90	16.32	8.00	8.32		2.00	4.00
Antiach	12	5	3	40								1.05
Red Branch	12	3	3	25		89	15 00					1.50
Mt. Nebo	12	3	3	37	20	60	29.50	17.73	11.77		2.25	2.00
Red Level	10	5	2	28	12	30	10.00	7.18	2.82			1.50
West Macedonia	12	5	3	20	21	74	8.71	4.45	4.36		1.50	1.60

last fifty years a wealth of more than a billion dollars. The colored people own property for higher education to the amount of $21,500,000, and church property valued at $76,-000,0000.

To involve the rights of and freedom of the American Government, is to involve the rights and freedom of evry negro in this country. Who can deny that the United States is the home of the colored man? He has been here 298 years, therefore his right to this country is unquestionable. We are at home and is it not the duty of every man to protect his home even at the cost of his life

Could we have maintained the honor and dignity of the United States and kept out of the war? Ought we to have given up all of our foreign trade with Europe because some of those countries were at war with each other? Has any country the right to interfere with our trade no matter what their troubles are? The high seas are international highways and its the inalienable right of every nation to travel over them unmolested.

Suppose we had retired from the seas to accommodate the Central Powers, what would have become of our trade?

The whole industry of the country would have been paralyzed. Withour navy standing in port, transportation everywhere wiuld be blocked, factories, mines andpetroleum wells would be stopped. Millions of laborers would be trown out of employment, the sales of American produce would be completely handicapped and pandemonium would run riot over our land.

Where does the blame lie for our being drawn into this destructive war? For over two years all sorts of brutalities were committed on our trade, our men, women and children were murdered without the slightest warning, contrary to all law. Germany, when we were friends, entered into a wicked intrigue to unite Mexico and Japan in war against us. Have we sat still and seen our Allies crushed and our portion would have come next. With the great British, French and allied countries' navies in their possession the Central Powers would easily become the conquerors of the world, and religion and democracy would become the victims of Mahomet and autocracy. Can we afford to sit still

while our country is in a death stduggle for the maintenance of the highest human rights? No, we will rise up and rally to our country's call, until the ruthless submarine method of warfare has been abandoned; until the proper retribution has been poured out upon the heads of the destroyers of our prosperity and the murderers of our people; until our enemies shall come back to those principles which guarantee equal rights to all and special privileges to none; until we come again under the zenith of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhoo dof man.

And when the battles are over and when the strife is ended and when we shall return from the front on European soil, white, black, east, west, north and south, and when our feet (Those of us who are so fortunate as to get back) with a relation made dear and closer by our common hardship, we will unite in singing that famous old National air:

My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee we sing.

RICHARD ALLEN.